

**TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of June 4, 2020**

ROLL CALL: The meeting was brought to order on June 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Present: W. Felch, J. Hintz, B. Salm, T. Birchell, T. Fleming, J. Jontry and 10 others. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES OF MARCH 5 AND MAY 21, 2020 REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS: A **MOTION** (Hintz, Salm) was made to approve the minutes of the March 5<sup>th</sup> regular and special board meetings and the May 21<sup>st</sup> special board meeting. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported he obtained an estimate of \$1,775 for grinding stumps at the cemetery and Movrich park. The crew had a tire blowout on the SD114 Freightliner on June 3<sup>rd</sup> which caused extensive damage to the truck. An insurance claim was filed and the adjuster will be looking at it on Monday. Truck Country has the vehicle and estimated over \$12,000 for repairs so far. The Board approved the repairs. Installation of the new compactors at the transfer sites has been completed; new signs will be installed directing the public which container to use for trash and recyclables. T. Fleming felt the welding on the containers is inferior and overall shows poor workmanship. Mark Koshak of the Forest Service was given a list of failing culverts in the Federal Forest. There are also five on White Rock, one on Dynamite and a couple others that need replacing. T. Fleming asked if we will want to get Dam Road paved this year; B. Felch stated we need the cleared title first. Regarding an annual road tour, B. Felch stated we should wait until fall. B. Felch stated he received an e-mail from Mark Koshak regarding a joint project on the Springstead Creek Bridge. J. Hintz asked if brush could be cut at the turn from FR 144 at the Springstead Creek Bridge.

TREASURER'S REPORT; REVIEW AND SIGN 2019 AUDIT REPORT: J. Jontry presented and the Board accepted the May 2020 Treasurer's report. Audit documents were previously provided to the Board members for review. The audit was accepted and signed.

CEMETERY REPORT: The Board reviewed and accepted the cemetery report provided by M. Behling.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: *Fire Department #1:* B. Lobermeier reported no fire calls since March 1<sup>st</sup> and 11 EMS calls. The lawnmower races and July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks have been cancelled due to Covid-19. New radios have been ordered with monies received from grants and fundraising. *Fire Department #2:* T. Birchell reported one fire call and three EMS calls. Fun Days has also been cancelled. The new fire truck is here and in service. T. Birchell asked what we should do with the old truck; B. Felch suggested the state auction site or try to sell it on the roadside. J. Hintz asked what the value was and T. Birchell stated between \$5,000-\$6,000. His department will discontinue meetings for the near future due to Covid-19.

PRESENTATION AND REQUEST BY MAGGIE JUNGWIRTH RE: LITTLE FREE LIBRARY INSTALLATION, PIKE LAKE AREA: M. Jungwirth lives on Cy's Drive and requested permission to install a Little Free Library at the south corner of Cy's Drive and Springstead Road. The installation will be twelve feet back from the gravel and would be on the Town-owned right-of-way. T. Fleming stated he will look at the area to ensure proper placement. The Board approved the request.

APPROVE 2020-21 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS: A **MOTION** (Hintz, Felch) was made to include the \$8.00 publication fee in the amount being covered by the Town in the previous motion made on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried, voice vote (2, 0). B. Salm abstained. A **MOTION** (Hintz, Felch) was made to approve the renewals for Fifield Station, Fifield Grocery, Hicks Landing Idle Hour, Kountry Kafe, Merri Cassidy's, Moose Jaw, Musky Jack's, Northernaire and Northwoods Supper Club. Motion carried, voice vote (2, 0). B. Salm abstained.

TRANSFER SITE INCIDENT REPORTS AND RELATED MATTERS: The Board reviewed four incident reports from R. Balzar at the Fifield transfer station. B. Salm stated she removed paneling to repair a wall and never thought about it, but if it had been in a dumpster she would not have been able to get at it. R. Lapp asked if there is any report on an individual removing blocks of wood from the yard waste area (there is not). B. Felch stated we will be having a staff meeting and additional training with the transfer site attendants, subs, and T. Fleming regarding the new regulations. The video recordings will be reviewed.

DISCUSS PARK AND WAYSIDE OPENING AND SUMMER EVENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: B. Felch stated the parks are open but not open for gatherings. No reservations are being taken for Movrich park. Refunds will be issued to those who had cancelled events. T. Fleming stated the playground equipment, tables and restrooms are being sanitized daily.

DISCUSS/DECIDE TEMPORARILY HOLDING ONE BOARD MEETING MONTHLY DUE TO COVID-19

RESTRICTIONS: B. Felch said he would like to conduct only one Board meeting per month. The Board agreed and meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month only beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

REVIEW/DISCUSS LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING BAY ROAD PROJECT: L. Talbott brought in five additional letters to include with those previously received by the Board. The property owners on Bay Road have requested that no trees be cut and are in opposition of the 66' right-of-way. The road gets very little traffic even during the summer peak. J. Hintz stated we should at least put new gravel on it. B. Felch said it will be looked at during the road tour this fall and any work would not be done until next year. Mr. Talbott asked that T. Fleming consider not putting a turnaround in at the end of Bay Road, as it will make it impossible to get up the hill and suggested a turnaround be placed at the intersection of Bay and Lieth instead. T. Fleming stated the turnaround is needed for plowing.

DISCUSS SHERIFF PARKING IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOT: J. Hintz previously raised questions about law enforcement parking in the Fire Department #1 lot. B. Felch received an e-mail from the WTA regarding the statutes pertaining to law enforcement utilizing the lot. J. Hintz stated he observed a state patrol officer weighing a vehicle in the lot and creating a potential problem for emergency vehicles to get out. B. Lobermeier stated he likes the idea of having law enforcement presence and goodwill here in our community and further stated they are already on the way before the fire department if there is a call, and are not in the way. T. Birchell suggested the Town and the Board maintain a good relationship with local law enforcement. B. Felch stated he will contact them and ask that they follow state law, but that it is acceptable for them to park in the fire department lot.

RESCHEDULE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR JUNE 23, 2020: The Board was in agreement that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 23, 2020.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: T. Birchell asked where the Board stands on town property (specifically the transfer station and Pike Lake fire hall) being used for parking recreational equipment. Currently there is no signage prohibiting parking on the property. B. Felch said we can order some signage. T. Birchell stated we should move the fence out to the road and install a gate; B. Felch said T. Fleming and T. Birchell should discuss how to fence it. Moving the fence would also provide more helicopter landing space and parking for Fun Days. F. Sevcik stated Twin Lakes Road is very drivable now and wanted to know if more gravel would be added. T. Fleming said it will eventually. F. Sevcik also asked again if Cy's Drive is a public or private road; he asked if it could be paved if it's a private road and the property owners are willing to pay for it via special assessment. W. Felch stated the Town owns the road and this has been answered many times. F. Sevcik then stated he obtained a quote for chip sealing. B. Felch stated he felt it was inappropriate for F. Sevcik to get a quote as the Town owns the road. The road is already on the five year plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: B. Felch received an e-mail from interim forestry engineer James Strezishar regarding a cooperative agreement for replacement of the Springstead Creek Bridge at FR 144. This will be placed on the July 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda for initial discussion. The Board received letters from J. LaBudda and R. Severson regarding the new transfer site ordinance. The Board will review the letters and address them at a future meeting.

REVIEW INVOICES: A **MOTION** (Hintz, Salm) was made to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

ADJOURN: There being no further business on the Agenda, a **MOTION** (Salm, Hintz) was made at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried, voice vote (3, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jontry, Town Clerk/Treasurer